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## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. The Office Action objected to claims 7-14, 17-19, 21, 22, and 26-29 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated these claims to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Office Action rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and claims1-6, 15, 20, 23-25 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). To further the prosecution of this application, each of the rejections is addressed below. The application as presented is believed to be in condition for allowance.

#### The Allowable Dependent Claims

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability of the subject matter in numerous dependent claims. Applicant believes that the independent claims distinguish over the prior art of record, and therefore, has not rewritten the objected-to claims at this time.